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The Bible Guys: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow...

by David M. McNabb

This month, The Bible Guys marks its twelfth anniversary. I have been very pleased with the way the Lord has inspired us and guided our way in this endeavor. My friends, I want to take this opportunity to share with you a little bit about the journey that this publication has taken so far.

The Breakfast Club

For many years, we had a sort of tradition in our congregation in Western Massachusetts that the brethren would meet on Sunday morning before the service for breakfast at one of the local restaurants. It was a time of fellowship where we would discuss various things like a Bible subject one of us was studying, current world events, or even just sharing our experiences.

One place in particular was more or less centrally located to the majority of us, so we began to visit that establishment regularly. They became accustomed to our weekly visits, so much that when one of us would pull into the parking lot, they would set another place at the table, complete with a glass of water and cup of coffee, as that seemed to be the one universal constant. And so we sat at breakfast together, Bibles often open on the table to one passage or another, sharing our lives

in the Lord in fellowship as we prepared our hearts for the morning worship service.

On one Sunday, though I cannot remember why, we did not go to breakfast at our regular place. The following week, when we resumed our routine, the manager asked us where we had been the week before. She said, "The waitress asked me, 'Where are the Bible guys?'"

We all had a nice little laugh about that, and went on about our business as usual, meeting each Sunday at that restaurant.

Eventually, we moved our services several miles away, from East Longmeadow, MA, to South Hadley, and several brethren relocated as well. This also caused us to choose a new restaurant for our weekly breakfast, since the other one was no longer centrally located.

Inspiration

In late spring of 1998, I was being led by God to do something to better spread the message, and the vision, that the Lord has given us. I spoke with Bro. Elden McNabb about the need I felt to find some way to reach more people with the Truth of God's Word and the message for today. While I was feeling the guiding hand of the Spirit of God, I was still unsure of the Lord's will in the matter.

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The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth

by C. Elden McNabb

A person once asked me the name of our organization, and I told them, "The People of Truth." His reply was simply, "Aren't they all." Of course, the answer is yes. The Gospel of redemption and justification through Jesus Christ is the source of life, it is truth. But it is by no means "the whole truth." So let us take His yoke upon us, and learn of Him.

Because of the wiles of the devil, Adam sinned, and death passed upon all the people of the world. Our whole body, soul and spirit were effected. So God set in motion a remedy which would correct the whole problem, if we would believe his messengers and follow their instructions. As the Apostle Paul said, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23).

God spent at least four thousand years preparing for, and prophesying of His plan to heal his creation. Then, at the appointed time, Jesus came into the world, and manifested the love of God and the plan of God to redeem the world from the death-grip of the devil.

God has given us the details of the normal process of growth which should follow our new birth, because He wants us to understand Him, and the work which He is doing with us. And He told us, "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is His treasure (Isa. 33:6).

There are three major steps in the process of our redemption, and they involve the consecration of our soul, spirit and body. The damage to our soul must be healed first, it is the soul which must be born again, for the soul of a person must, by the grace of God, conquer both the spirit and the body.

Once we have been born again, and our spirit has been "sanctified," by the Holy Spirit we can "cleanse ourselves from all the filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (Rom. 5:1-2; 2 Cor. 7:1). Multitudes of Christians have gone through this process without fully understanding it, but have actually received the experience anyway. So we know the truth, but we know it only in part (1 Cor. 13:12). How can we get enough understanding from God, so we can know the whole truth about the Christian experience?

Since the late 1800s, a percentage of Christians has embraced the doctrine of the Baptism With the Holy Spirit, or "Pentecostalism." Some of them agree with me about these experiences, and others do not. Yet one of the strongest points of that doctrine was introduced by Jesus himself, who said, "When He, the Spirit of Truth is come he will guide you into all truth:" the full gospel (John 16-13).

The evening before his crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive" (John 14:17). They were "born again" the evening after His resurrection, and forty days later, He gave them "The Promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4), because they were "not of this world" any more. Ten days after that, at Pentecost, that promise was poured out upon them, fulfilling Isaiah 44:1-3. And that manifestation of the Spirit was mighty among them for many years before it ceased, almost altogether.

The "Dark Ages" passed and the "Reformation" was launched, and in 1896, the Holy Spirit began to be poured out once more. It was not long until the

recipients of that promise began to call their churches "Full Gospel" churches, and to this day, 115 years later, there are still many of the churches which believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit who promote the error that the Baptism With the Holy Spirit is the "Full Gospel."

That baptism is a wonderful, powerful gift of God, but it was given to as an aid to help us to learn "The Full Gospel." Speaking in tongues by the Holy Spirit, the interpretation of tongues, and prophesying all have their place, but the function of the five gifts of the ministry are critical for the work of getting the Bride the Lamb's wife, and the guests, ready for Jesus' return, and the Marriage of the Lamb, (Matt. 22:2-10; Rev. 19:7-9).

The Apostle Paul taught us that the Holy Spirit would make manifest many gifts of the Spirit among the disciples of our Lord, such as The Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge, and gifts of the ministry, such as Apostles, Prophets and Teachers; seventeen of which are mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12. He also prophesied that the manifestation of the gifts of Apostles and Prophets would "Make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God. According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:1-11).

The Spirit of Truth has come, but where is the power which Jesus told His disciples that they would receive after that the Holy Spirit came upon them? Have we let a large portion of the Truth escape us, leaving us impotent in things spiritual (Isa. 59:14)? The truth is, there are men among

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us today who have received the gifts of Apostle and Prophet, and they are teaching the wisdom and knowledge of God. The very essence of their gifts is to reveal the mysteries of God and formulate pure doctrine (Eph. 3:1-5; Acts 2:42-43). Very soon now, they shall begin to be sought out, as more and more Christians experience the truth of Jeremiah 16:19, realizing that we have been the victims of the errors handed down to us by our fathers, both natural and spiritual. It is high time that we take heed to the words of Jesus, and Take His yoke upon us and Learn of Him.

Many of our ministers have become avid proponents of such debilitating doctrines as “the prosperity doctrine,” thinking that “Gain is godliness,” and “the simplicity doctrine,” rejecting “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” These ministers even have the audacity to belittle God and Jesus, teaching their congregations that Jesus does not even know when He is coming back. Any true Bible scholar should know that God has given carnal man six thousand, and only six thousand, years to rule the world, and that Jesus himself will rule the world for the following thousand years. Paul even referred to that millennium as a sabbath (Heb. 1:1-9). All a person needs do is to add up God’s meticulous list of genealogies and the tenures of the kings of Israel and Judah, and the rise and fall of the empires of the world. Any educated minister, with or without a calculator, should be able to manage that. Yet, I am frequently rebuked for believing that Jesus Christ, “in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,” cannot figure it out. Don’t we know that Jesus died on the cross, went to the grave, rose again and went to heaven, and His father gave Him a book of the whole revelation of himself, His entire life and work (Rev. 4:1 - 5:10)?

It appears that we are in the process of fulfilling the ominous prophecy in

Proverbs 1:20-33. Wisdom is crying out from the sidelines, “How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? Turn at my reproof: behold I will pour out my Spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you... But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh... Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: they would none of my counsel: they despised all my

**“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”
2 Thess. 2:11-12**

reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.”

I have a choice. Should I foolishly decide to believe the words of someone who is willfully ignorant, instead of the words of someone such as the Apostle Paul, whom Jesus anointed as the messenger of God to us Gentiles? He said that he wished that those who knew him, or had only heard of him, “that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God,

and of the Father and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:1-3)?

Where is “the unity of the faith” that is suggested here? Can we even define it? And where is the spiritual understanding? We are on the brink of a world government, which is rapidly uniting to destroy Christianity from the face of the Earth, and the children of God are more divided than ever before. If this condition continues, multitudes of Christians will “perish in the Gainsaying of Core (Korah), as they did in the days of Jude, because they refused the divinely appointed leadership which God had given them (Num. 16:1-17:10; Jude 1:11).

I beseech you to break loose from the bonds of ignorance, and begin to learn the WHOLE TRUTH. The Christians are the Israel of God today. So let us hear Ezekiel’s plea, “Why will ye die, O house of Israel” (Eze. 18:31).

Immediately after World War II, the United States of America began the fulfillment of Revelation 13:11-18, and other pertinent passages where “the mark” is mentioned. In November 1971, the ten horns, the G-10 was formed. In 1976, the G-7 was formed, the Seven Heads. And in 2002, the “other Little Horn” was formed. It has already evolved into a department of the federal government of the U.S.A., and will soon be recognized as the other little horn that arose up among the G-Ten, and it will “wear out the saints of the Most High,” as surely as the Prophet Daniel prophesied it.

God has promised us an escape. The allegory of Noah and his ark foretells of the messenger which will prepare for the coming of our Bridegroom and King. If you will wake up and try, you may be wise enough to learn enough that “when the enemy shall come in like a flood,” you can manage to find the place of safety, and enter in before the door is shut, (Isa. 59:19; Gen. 7:16; Matt. 25:10).



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About that time, my oldest niece was looking for a job, and I took her to apply at another location of the restaurant chain we had originally frequented for our Bible breakfasts. When I went in, I was surprised to see the manager from the other location, who had now moved there. I called her name, and when she seemed to have trouble recognizing me, I sparked her memory by putting my hand on my chest and saying, "Remember me? The Bible guys!"

As the words left my mouth, my mind was spinning with a vision. I saw written pages, audio and video programs, and many other images flashing before me. I finally knew what the Lord was drawing me to do, and I knew that He had inspired me with the name. A few days later, in July of '08, I published the first edition of The Bible Guys. I subtitled it "Breakfast Club," because the topics at our weekly breakfasts were to be a major influence on the content of the monthly publication.

Over the years, a couple of people have expressed their dislike of the use of the word "Guys," but they have been very few and far between.

Years of Growth

It immediately grew from 25 issues to several dozen, and after a very short time, we were printing a few hundred and mailing them all over the United States, and some abroad. The first issue was 2 pages, and that quickly grew, until its current, 8-page format.

As the Lord blessed us with better equipment, we also added color and expanded our circulation. Also, after we moved our headquarters to rural Oklahoma, our tradition of weekly Sunday morning breakfasts faded. Since The Bible Guys was no longer a "breakfast club," and a new tag line was needed. Because we get our hope and faith from the Scriptures, and because the Scriptures tell

us the stories of so many people, and because we seek to live lives that would glorify God and leave a testimony of faith ourselves, the new tag line was obvious: The Bible Guys of Yesterday and Today. That is, as we study the lives of the Bible guys of old (people like Moses, Noah, Abraham, Deborah - guys being a term that can describe a group made up of both men and women), we also desire to be "Bible guys," both in studying the Word — and living it.

Last year, the Lord inspired Bro. Elden to increase our distribution to cover a 30-mile radius around our new home of Paden. We accomplished that both by saturation bulk mail and by inserting them into all of the local newspapers in the area. Each month, we would publish more than 35,000 copies, and as we neared the end of that effort, we published more than 45,000 in one month. We obeyed the inspiration of the Holy One, and put our hands gladly to the work. Today, feeling we have accomplished what the Lord required of us during that extensive campaign, we have scaled back, printing just enough for our subscriptions and a few extra to hand out.

Trusting the Lord

In the beginning, I had intended to include a little note (probably on page 2, with the Publisher information) that would inform the reader that while The Bible Guys is free, donations are welcome. The Lord checked my spirit, saying, "You can put that if you want, but know this, if you put that note in, it will only be seen by the readers. If you leave it out, I can tell whomever I like." So we have never actively, or even passively, solicited financial support for this work. We trust the Lord to move on people's hearts, and provide the funds necessary to accomplish His will. We know that if He wants us to keep going, He will provide the means, and we can only work with what He has given

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Doctrine & God's Church booklets now in SPANISH!

The Lord finally granted us the opportunity to get a couple of very important documents into Spanish. Bro. Arturo Linaldi came to Paden in June to work with Bro. David McNabb to translate THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, our Statement of Faith, and GOD'S CHURCH: PROPHECY IN MOTION, a history of the prophetic work of God. LA DOCTRINA DE CRISTO and EL MOVIMIENTO PROFÉTICO are now available upon request, as well as the English versions. The Doctrine booklet is also available in Russian by the title УЧЕНИЕ ХРИСТА.

us. That trust has proven to have been well placed, and we continue to rely on Him as our source for all things.

We continue to seek to obey the Lord in all things, especially in His command to us that we should watch and be sober. As we begin the 13th year of this publication, we see the amazing occurrences in the world around us. One must have no doubt that the end is very near, and we are swiftly approaching the day of our great Lord's

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by Joel McNabb

return. It remains our mission to inform, educate, and inspire as many people as we can with the truth of God's word, and to earnestly labor to prepare a people for His name. The Bible Guys periodical is simply one way the Lord has given us to that end.

LOOKING AHEAD

It is my incessant prayer that this publication serves to bless and inspire all that read it. I pray that even those who may disagree with the things that we share in this venue would be motivated by it to search the Scriptures and discover the truth of God's word for themselves, so that they might be better prepared unto the coming of Jesus Christ.

The adversary — Satan, the devil — would like nothing more than to destroy every last vestige of the followers of Christ, and the world is aligning itself to serve him unto that end. But we know that Satan's efforts against the Children of God will ultimately fail, and he will be conquered by the Lamb of God!

We will continue to serve our Lord and King, and as long as He permits, we will publish the Gospel of His Kingdom right here in the pages of *The Bible Guys*. 

"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:18-38).

Jesus is the Lord of the harvest and He called his twelve disciples, and gave them power and commanded them go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel to start the gathering. He told them to preach saying, "The Kingdom of God is at hand." He also gave the disciples instructions on what they were not to take with them. If the house they came to received them, they were to let their peace come upon it, and if not they were to shake the dust off their feet when they departed. Jesus also gave them warning of how they would be treated, because he sent them forth as sheep in the midst of wolves.

Jesus explained to them what to expect in being one of his disciples.

These men would face persecution, but they were not to worry, because they were going out to confess Jesus before men, and Jesus would confess them before his Father which is heaven. He said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword."

The message that was to be preached would make enemies of good friends and family. It would set apart father and son, mother and daughter. To be a disciple you would have to lose everything and take up your cross and follow Jesus (Matt. 10:1-39).

Peter knew that leaving all to follow the Lord and to be a disciple would be worth something for he said, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matt. 19:27-28).

Whose salvation do you prefer?

During the famine in the days of Joseph, the Egyptians ran out of money for food, and demanded that Pharaoh give them food. Joseph told them to bring their livestock in exchange for bread. When that was gone, they came again, offering their lands, their houses and their very lives for more food. In the end, all Egypt was owned by Pharaoh, and the people were his slaves, yet they praised him, saying to Joseph, "Thou hast saved our lives... we will be Pharaoh's servants."

But the Children of Israel were not so. "And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had

possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly" (Gen. 47:27). While all others were slaves, they were free.

We speak of coming to God through Jesus Christ as being "Saved." Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). Likewise, Jesus told us that the Father knows our needs and provides for us food, clothing, and shelter (Matt. 6:24-34). David testified, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psa. 37:25).

Pharaoh's "salvation" ends in slavery. True salvation gives freedom, and is in no other name under heaven but the name of Jesus. In these tough times, trust in Him, and not man.

I have
waited for thy
salvation, O
LORD.

The disciples were sent out with power and authority to speak all they had been taught by Jesus. Just as the prophets of old, these men were sent to speak God's word, whether they would be received or not. Jesus, too, was sent into the world by God. He came and fulfilled God's will, enduring the cross, despising the shame, for the joy that was set before him (Heb. 12:2). There is always a promise of reward to the prophets that are sent forth, and complete the task they are sent to do.

The cities and villages to whom the disciples were sent, could either accept or reject their words as words from the One who had sent them. It is a matter of willingness and faith in the word of God. Jesus said, "He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matt. 10:40-42). The receiving and supporting a prophet, places you in a position of a greater reward than that of just hearing what he has been sent to speak. I found this very interesting, if a prophet came to you and you heard him, fed him, and took care of him while he was with you, the reward of that prophet would be yours as well.

Jesus had left the multitude on the other side of Galilee, after feeding the five thousand men besides the women and children. They came wondering why he had left them, and Jesus bluntly told them that they were not looking for him because of the miracles, but because they were looking for another meal. He said, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for

that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, this is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6:29).

Did you hear, I mean really hear, what Jesus said? The work of God is to believe on him whom he hath sent. It is believed that the work of God is to preach the gospel of Jesus saves, then those new converts are to go out and do the same. We have the tendency to believe that we are all sent by God to win souls for Christ, *even if we are not*. This belief lends to the thought that everyone receives the same reward and crown. If we really hear the words of Jesus when he told the twelve what reward they were going to receive, we can see that those twelve were given the unique promise that they would judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

Paul speaks of the faith of many in the Old Testament, who endured many hardships, cruel mocking, scourging, imprisonment, stoned, sawn asunder, tempted, slain, wandered about, destitute, afflicted, tormented and many more. All these, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise, but they knew that if they did what God had asked, their sufferings would be worth it all. Their faith was counted unto them for righteousness, and they are promised a better resurrection (Heb. 11:32-40). If the promise to those in the Old Testament were true, how much more for those who have become new creatures in Christ, and have suffered with him. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us" (2 Tim. 2:12).

We believe the scripture, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," but how many of us today want the suffering that goes along with being Christ like? (Heb. 13:8). Oh yes, we believe he

still forgives, heals, does miracles, and so on, but God is unchangeable in all or His ways.

God has always sent prophets and leaders to give His people His word and lead them. God has not changed, "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Mal. 3:6). He has a way he does things and it was true in the Old Testament days, and in Paul's day. And He will always work the same.

If God has not changed, then He will still use prophets today, as He did in Old Testament time, and in the days of the early church. Those in the early church continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, as God revealed His word from faith to faith in their day. This is the way God has always worked. "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

Many will say we are lead by the Holy Ghost and he will teach us, and to beware of false prophets, using what John wrote in his first epistle, "These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (1 John 2:26-27). Jesus promised that he would not leave us comfortless, and he would send another comforter, and when the Spirit of truth would come, he will guide us into all truth. We must let the Spirit work in us to try the spirits to see if they are of God or not. That is what John was saying: Not that we should not hear from some man, but to beware of those that would come to seduce, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, as Jude warned.

We must beware of false prophets today for Jesus warned us they would

come in sheep's clothing. We should be filled with the Holy Ghost and be noble, ready to receive the word of God, and search the scripture to see if what we are hearing is true or not.

There are many false prophets in the world today, as Jesus said there would be in these last days. We can see them throughout Christianity, and they have deceived many. I would like you to take note of the word "many". Which modern-day preachers do we see drawing the crowds and packing arenas today, claiming to be some mighty work of God? I am not saying that all that are out there preaching to crowds are false prophets, but where are the "many" today?

Jesus warned us that there will be those that come preaching Jesus, appearing to be Christian leaders, even prophesying, casting out devils, doing many wonderful works, and preaching that gain is godliness all in His name. When the day of the Lord comes and they have to give an account of their work, Jesus will profess unto them, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:2-23). Those false prophets will receive their reward, as will all that have used the gospel for envy's sake.

God sends true prophets, or messengers, and leaders, and they, too, will be known by their fruits (Matt. 7:15). We do have the Holy Ghost in us, working with us to lead us into all truth. That is what will help us to know the difference

between a true prophet of God and a false prophet.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," and "how shall they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent" (Rom. 10:13-17). This is how God works: He sent Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, then He sent John the Baptist, and Jesus, who also sent his disciples. God will also send men today who will be moved on by the Holy Ghost to prepare the way of our Lord. God does not change; His work is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Jesus is coming back and His reward will be with Him, to give to every man according as his work shall be. There will be those that have carried the word of truth and preached the gospel of the kingdom of God who will receive the reward for their labours. As Paul said, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (1 Cor. 3:10-13). Their works will be tried by fire and even if the work is burned up, they

themselves may be saved. Those who have kept the word of truth that God has given them, will be refined as pure gold.

May we labour to receive a good report and the reward for the work God has placed in our hand, that we might hear our Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of the lord" (Matt. 25:21,23).

And, if you are not called to be a minister of the Gospel yourself, that does not leave you without the promise of a reward. Remember that the Word of God promises that those who support a prophet share in his reward. Let us hear again the words of our Lord, "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward" (Matt. 10:41)

May the Lord bless and keep you is my prayer, in Jesus' name. 